



5<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware we are now in a full lockdown which has again impacted on schools across the country and schools will not fully reopen until after February Half Term at the earliest.

This is just a short communication to let you know that we are still identifying the actions that we need to take over the coming days and weeks in response to this announcement.

To confirm, the school is open for:

- Children of key workers
- Children with EHCPs
- Children with a social worker

Students attending school must report to the Middle Campus and wear full school uniform.

All other students will access online lessons from home. As online learning is now for a prolonged period of time, we want to ensure that all students have access, if you are struggling with suitable IT resources please let the school know, using [this form](#), so that we can see how offer support.

For students who are due to take an external exam in the next few weeks, we have heard that they are going ahead as normal. Students should come into school to sit these exams as planned.

The implications on Year 11 and Year 13 exams are unclear at the moment, the Prime Minister stated last night "In these circumstances, we do not think it is possible for exams to go ahead fairly this summer." The Secretary of State for Education will be asking Ofqual to consult rapidly on an approach for alternative arrangements that will allow students to progress fairly.

Until we have definitive information regarding this, teachers of these year groups will continue to deliver planned lessons, we expect full engagement and commitment for our students. Once we have clarity we will let you know.

#### **Change to school timings during lockdown**

Having reflected on our key worker and vulnerable student provision and live lessons, in order to manage the school effectively during lockdown, we will be reverting to our original school timings from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January for all year groups. Teachers will arrange live Teams lessons at the following times:

Period 1	8.35am – 9.25am
Period 2	9.25am – 10.15am
Period 3	10.50am – 11.40am
Period 4	11.40am – 12.30pm
Period 5	1.20pm – 2.10pm
Period 6	2.10pm – 3.00pm

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**Mass Testing arrangements and consent**

As you are aware, we were due to begin mass testing for all staff and students this week. Obviously, our plans will need to be amended, however on our return it may still be the case that testing will be required. We would therefore request that you read the mass testing letter and complete the form ASAP. A link to the mass testing letter can be accessed [here](#) and a link to the online consent form is [here](#).

We expect to send out other communications to keep you fully informed as we get further information.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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